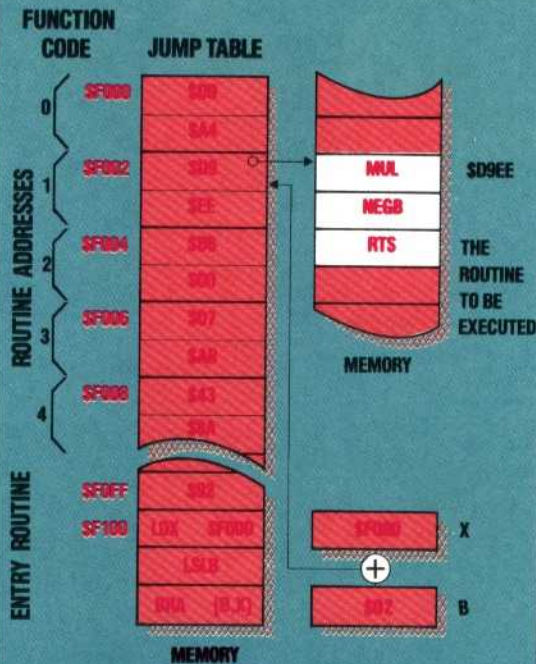




character passed in A to the screen at the current cursor position, unless that character is a carriage return (ASCII 13), in which case it will clear the rest of the line and position the cursor at the beginning of the next line. The cursor is represented by the underline character ('_') in this example.

SPACE	EQU 32	ASCII code for space
CR	EQU 13	ASCII code for carriage return
HOME	EQU \$E000	Start of screen memory
LENGTH	EQU 1024	Size of screen memory (16 lines x 64 characters = 1024)
CURSOR	EQU \$E400	\$E400 and \$E401 together point to the current address of the cursor in screen memory area
CURCHR	ORG \$1000 FCB 95	Underline character (ASCII 95)
Subroutine to clear screen		
	LDA #SPACE	Space character in A
	LDX #HOME	Point cursor to beginning of screen
	STX CURSOR	Store current cursor position at CURSOR (i.e. \$E400, \$E401)
LOOP1	LDB #LENGTH STA [CURSOR]	Size of screen in B Store a space in current cursor position
	INC CURSOR DECB	Increment cursor position Decrement amount of screen memory remaining between cursor position and end of screen memory
	BGT LOOP1	Next space, until no more screen memory remains
	STX CURSOR LDA CURSOR STA [CURSOR]	Cursor back to home position ASCII code of cursor character in A Store cursor character in current cursor position
RTS		
Subroutine to display character in A, if displayable		
	CMPA SPACE	Space is the first printable character in ASCII
	BLT NOTP	If accumulator contains ASCII value less than 32, this is non-printable, so GOTO NOTP
	STA [CURSOR] INC CURSOR	Store in current cursor position Increment cursor position
CHKEOS	LDX #HOME LEAY #LENGTH,X CMPY CURSOR	Check for end of screen End of screen in Y If cursor position exceeds end of screen then...
	BGT FINISH	we have reached the end of the screen, so GOTO FINISH
Subroutine to scroll screen		
SCROLL	LEAY 64,X	Y is one line length from X (end of screen memory)
	LDB #LENGTH SUBB #64	Calculate amount to scroll Subtract 64 from length
LOOP2	LDA ,Y+	Move characters back one line (notice auto-increment — see page 618)
	STA ,X+ DECB BGT LOOP2 LDD CURSOR SUBD #64 STD CURSOR BRA FINISH	Loop until scrolling complete Cursor to start of last line
Subroutine to check for carriage return		
NOTP	CMPA #CR	Is this non-printable character a carriage return?
	BNE FINISH	Ignore if not
	LDD CURSOR ANDB #%11100000	You can work out how this gives the start of the next line (notice binary AND-mask)
	ADD #64 STD CURSOR BRA CHKEOS LDA CURSOR STA [CURSOR] RTS	Check if end of screen Cursor character in A Store in current cursor position
FINISH		

The Jump Table



The jump table in this example is a list of 128 two-byte address pointers located between SF000 and SF0FF. Each of these pointers contains the start address of a routine somewhere in memory. To execute any of these routines we need only load the B accumulator with a function code (S01, for instance) which identifies the desired routine (located at \$D9EE in this example) and then JSR to the so-called 'entry routine', start address SF0FF here. We assume that these routines are in ROM (because they are part of some ROM-based software such as the operating system) so we will be able to look up the function code and the entry routine start address in the programmer's manual.

The entry routine multiplies the function code by two, and uses it as an offset to the table start address to find the desired routine's address pointer: the pointer to routine S01 is located at SF002, for example ($=SF000+2 \times S01$), routine S02's pointer is at SF004 ($=SF000+2 \times S02$), and so on. The pointer is then used by the entry routine in an indirect branch instruction to pass control to the actual routine at \$D9EE. Notice that the entry routine branches to (rather than calls) the execution routine, so that when RTS is encountered, control will pass back to the point in the program from which the entry routine was first called.

The advantage of a jump table (especially when used with an entry routine) is that it allows programmers to redesign and relocate the routines that it addresses, while still permitting programs written before such revisions to run on the new system: the function codes and the address of the entry routine are kept constant throughout the life of the system, but the contents of the jump table address pointers (and even the location of the jump table itself) may change at will.